1: Breton, Raymond and Armand de la Paix. Relation de l'Ile de la Gaudeloupe. [An Account of the Island of Guadeloupe.] In, Les Caraibes, La Guadeloupe, 1635-1656, Joseph Rennard, ed. Histoire Coloniale, Vol. 1, pp. 45-74. Paris: Librairie Générale et Internationale, 1929.

Harvard: Fr 370 120
HRAF MS Pp. 1-26; 2 plates
Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Thomas Turner.

[This work was apparently based primarily on the information collected by Father Raymond Breton, a French missionary in the Lesser Antilles in the seventeenth century, whose Carib-French dictionary has been edited and processed for the files (see 2: Breton), but whose other early writings on the Caribs are not available except as rewritten by later authors. This source includes brief ethnographic notes on Carib traditional origins, their temperament, language, religion, dress and ornaments, foods, family organization, houses and boats, daily occupations, drinking parties, trading, warfare and weapons, diseases and practices related to death. --Analyst]

Field date: 1635-1647 Evaluation: Missionary-5
Analyst: George R. Bedell Processed in 1958

2: Breton, Raymond. Observations of the Island Carib: A Compilation of Ethnographic Notes. Selected, organized and translated by Marshall McKusick and Pierre Verin. Unpublished manuscript, pp. ii, 48. Based on Raymond Breton's Dictionaire Caraibe-Francois, meslé de quantité de remarques historiques pour l'esclaircissement de la langue. [Carib-French Dictionary, with historical remarks for the clarification of the language.] Auxerre: Gilles Bouquet, 1665. Facsimile edition, Leipzig: B.G. Teubner, 1892. Pp. xviii, 480.

Yale: Fzh. C195. B77 [Original]

[The author of the original was a French missionary in the Lesser Antilles who spent nineteen years among the Island Caribs, living the last five alone with them in Dominica. His works were primary sources for many later writers. The translators, graduate students in anthropology at Yale University, include information of a general ethnographic nature, but exclude data on French colonization, lists of place names and native terms of animals, and linguistic material, all of which may be readily gathered from the text of the original which has been processed for the files. Religion and subsistence categories are more complete than others.

2: Breton, Raymond.

The first part of the text, unpaginated in the original, has been numbered pages i-xviii. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1650
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1958

3: Bouton, Jacques. Relation de l'establissement des Francois depuis l'an 1635 en l'isle de Martinique...[An Account of the establishment of the French in the year 1635 on the Island of Martinique....] Paris, 1640.

Concerning the Savages Called Caribs. A translation by Marshall McKusick and Pierre Verin based on chapters nine and ten, pp. 105-130 of the original. New Haven: Human Relations Area Files, 1958. HRAF manuscript. Pp. i, 8.

[This selection is taken from the first known work on the French in the Antilles, written by a missionary who spent three months in the islands. As a summary of impressions of the Carib in the year 1637, it presents very brief chapters on religion, clothing, occupations, commerce or relations with Europeans, eating and drinking, warfare, and lore and learning. Although the information is not unusual compared to that of other early writers, it is perhaps of special value in representing the earliest knowledge of the Caribs. No copy of the foreign text was available for inclusion in the files.--Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1630
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Missionary-4
Processed in 1958

4: Du Tertre, Jean-Baptiste. Histoire generale des Antilles habitees par les Francois...[General History of the Antilles occupied by the French...] Vol. 2. Paris, 1667. (2nd. revised Ed.)

"Concerning the Natives of the Antilles," translation by Marshall McKusick and Pierre Verin of ethnographic section of Vol. 2, part 7, chapter 7, pp. 360-419. New Haven: Human Relations Area Files, 1958. Pp. i, 42. HRAF manuscript.

[The original edition was written by a French missionary and based on the works of Father Raymond Breton (see 2: Breton). The second edition in 1667 was expanded from one to four volumes although the additions were not of factual significance, consisting largely of anecdotal material, diatribes against another author, and padding from Breton. The translation is unabridged of the part indicated above. An ethnographic summary, it gives chapters on traditional origins, religion, birth and marriage, common occupations, trade with Europeans, feasts and hospitality, houses and boats, warfare, and disease and death customs. The text of the original was not available for inclusion in the files. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1650 Evaluation: Missionary-4
Analyst: George R. Bedell Processed in 1958

5: Rouse, Irving. The Carib. Bureau of American Ethnology, Bulletin No. 143, Vol. 4, pp. 547-565. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1948.

HRAF copy

[This article from the Handbook of South American Indians is a summary based on several primary sources, and written by an author who himself has done field research in the area and published several articles on the Carib. No single aspect of the culture is treated extensively, but a fairly well-rounded ethnography is presented. In addition, a brief history of early European contacts and comments on earlier writers are given. The list of sources on page 565 refers to a complete bibliography for the volume which appears on pages 567-609 of the original which has not been processed for the files. -- Analyst]

Field date: no date
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Ethnologist-4
Processed in 1958

6: Taylor, Douglas. The Caribs of Dominica. Anthropological Papers. Bureau of American Ethnology, Bulletin 119, pp. 103-159. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1938.

HRAF copy.

[This article is a general ethnographic summary of the modern island Caribs living in the reserve set aside for them on the island of Dominica. The author treats primarily the material culture. He also has chapters on physical anthropology, social and sexual life, childhood activities, and the language and literature. The author has anthropological training and has published extensively on the island Caribs. --Analyst]

Field date: 1930-1937
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958

7: Taylor, Douglas, and Harvey C. Moore. A Note on Dominican Basketry and Its Analogues. Southwestern Journal of Anthropology, Vol. 4, pp. 328-343. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1948.

Yale: Nk10.So87.v.4

[This article deals with the materials, construction, design and uses of basketry among the Caribs on the island of Dominica. Over half the study is devoted to a comparative treatment of similar basketry among the modern non-Carib population of Dominica and among other groups in the Americas. Both authors are professionally trained in anthropology. Taylor has published many works on the island Carib, and Moore teaches anthropology at the American University in Washington. --Analyst]

Field date: 1930-1937
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Anthropologist-4, 5
Processed in 1958

8: Taylor, Douglas. The Meaning of Dietary and Occupational Restrictions Among the Island Carib. American Anthropologist, Vol. 52, pp. 343-349. Menasha: The American Anthropological Association, 1950.

Yale: Nk10.Am37.II.52

[This article treats fasting and similarly restrictive practices of the island Carib. It examines both the form and occasion of each practice as a particular application of a general concept of the susceptibility of the individual to harmful forces and the avoidance of exposure to these forces by withdrawal. The author received formal training in anthropology and has published extensively on the island Carib. --Analyst]

Field date: 1930-1937
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1958

9: Ober, Frederick A. Aborigines of the West Indies. Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, New Series, Vol. 9, pp. 270-313. Worcester, Massachusetts, 1895.

Yale: C2.25.II.9.

Omitted from the files: Pp. 270-294.

[The portion of this article which has been processed for the files is entitled "The Caribs of the Lesser Antilles." The author a traveler and naturalist, gives a brief history of contacts between these people and Europeans, a cultural summary in the form of statements quoted from various earlier writers, and a description of petroglyphs and archeological discoveries followed by a reconstruction of pre-Columbian history of the Caribs based on comparative evidence. Some of Ober's statements have been questioned by modern experts on the Callinago. They are of interest, however, because of the scarcity of first-hand late nineteenth century accounts of the Callinago. --Analyst]

Field date: 1876-1878
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Natural Scientist-5
Processed in 1958

10: Neveu-Lemaire, M. Les Caraïbes des Antilles [The Caribs of the Antilles]. La Geographie, Vol. 35, pp. 127-146. Paris: Société de Geographie, 1921.

Yale: E10. G189. v.35

[HRAF MS: pp. 1-15]

Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Marie Dickerman.

[This source presents a summary of reconstructed and documented history of the island Caribs and the results of brief observations made at the Dominica reservation about 1920. With respect to the modern Caribs, the author gives some information regarding the following topics: geographical environment, physical description of the people, dress and adornment, personality, dwellings, hammocks, utensils, diet, boats, weapons, the current chief and his activities, the register of vital statistics, marriage practices, religious status, and language. The last subject includes a brief vocabulary and a comparative treatment of the current language with that of earlier years and of Arawak and

10: Neveu-Lemaire, M.

Galibi words. The author concludes with an opinion that the Caribs are likely to become absorbed by intermarriage with negro stock on the island and so lose identity as an indian race.--Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1920
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Geographer-5
Processed in 1959

11: Taylor, Douglas. Kinship and Social Structure of the Island Carib. Southwestern Journal of Anthropology, Vol. 2, pp. 180-212. University of New Mexico Press, 1946.

Yale: Nk10. So87. 2.

[In this article the author compares the information given by early writers on the Carib with conditions encountered in modern times among the Carib remnant in Dominica. He quotes several writers whose works have been translated and processed for this file. Subjects treated are: the tribal names, the position of the chief, political and family organization, marriage customs, life cycle ceremonies, couvade, child rearing practices, division of labor, and land tenure. In addition, fully half of the article is devoted to a discussion of kinship terms, their meaning and usage. In conclusion, the author reviews some of the evidence of the historical relations of the Carib with the Arawak peoples. Bibliographic citations are contained in footnotes. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1930-1937
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1959

12: Taylor, Douglas. The Interpretation of Some Documentary Evidence on Carib Culture. Southwestern Journal of Anthropology, Vol. 5, pp. 379-392. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1949.

Yale: Nk10. So87.5.

[This source is primarily a commentary on the summary of Carib culture presented by Irving Rouse in the Handbook of South American Indians, Vol. 4, and processed for this file as 5: Rouse. Taylor gives criticisms, corrections and additions to the Rouse article, quoting several of the early writers on the Carib and also citing the culture of the modern day Dominica Carib as authority for his statements. While this article adds little new material to the file, it is an aid in evaluating evidence from other authors who are apparently in disagreement. -- Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1930-1937
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1959

13: Hodge, Walter Henricks and Douglas Macrae Taylor. The Ethnobotany of the Island Caribs of Dominica. Webbia, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 513-644. Firenze: Istituto Botanico dell'Universita, 1957.

Personal copy of Irving Rouse, Yale University.

[This is an invaluable addition to the relatively scarce information on the Island Caribs, being a careful analysis of cultural usage and a description of most of the plants employed by the Dominican Indians. The authors first present an introduction to the history and culture of the Caribs, followed by an explanation of their materials and methods of research. The body of the work is a catalog of known plants of both native and foreign origin which were or are of economic value to the Caribs. Each plant is listed according to family, genus and species, with botanical, Creole, English, and Carib names, described and placed in the Dominican geography, accounted for in terms of usage by the Dominicans and others, and cited by number in botanical collections. Data on the uses of the plants by other groups is given when available. An enumeration of plants by use and four indices of the names by

13: Hodge, Walter Henricks and Douglas Macrae Taylor.

languages enhance the worth of this source. --Analyst]

Field date: 1930-1956
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Botanist & Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1959